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Brig. General Andrew J. Goodpaster
Staff Secretary
The White House

Dear Andy:

I believe I have mentioned to you before that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Intelligence- (present membership: Chairman Cannon, George Mahon, Harry Sheppard, John Taber, and Gerald Ford) had raised with me orally the question of periodic intelligence briefings of Congressional Committees. By these briefings, they contemplated substantive briefings as to what is going on in the world; not on briefings relating to the C. I. A. alone.

I have answered these inquiries orally by stating that this was a matter of broad concern involving State Department as well as C. I. A., and that if one started such briefings with one Committee, many other Committees would probably desire them as well as individual members of the Congress.

This year at the end of our Budget Hearing before the House Subcommittee, a series of some 20 questions was submitted to us for written answer. One of these questions related to the point I am raising in this letter. I enclose a copy of our reply.

As this involves a matter of substance, I felt that possibly in addition to yourself, Gerry Persons, Gerry Morgan, and Bryce Harlow might wish to consider the matter. I am also sending a copy of this letter and memorandum to the Department of State.

Sincerely,

AWD/ji
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